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SUBJECT: ATECH GROUP, INC., 419 WHALLEY AVE., NEW HAVEN, CONN.

06511, TEL. (203) 777-7421

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT RONALD F. NOBLE, EXECUTIVE VP OF FIRM, HAS WRITTEN CHECK OF \$10,000 TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF LIBERIAN ARMED FORCES TO COVER PAYMENT FOR VEHICLE. CHECK RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. LIBERIAN BUSINESS AGENT FOR ATECH INFORMS EMBASSY THAT NOBLE HAS WRITTEN UNCOVERED CHECK OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,000 TO DUCOR INTERNAT-

IONAL HOTEL, AND \$1,400 NSF CHECK TO AGENT HIMSELF. ALSO INSUFFICIENT

FUND CHECK OF \$360 WRITTEN TO LIBERIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AS PAYMENT FOR PHONE BILLS. AGENT INFORMS EMBASSY OF NAME OF TWO OTHER REPRESENTATIVE

OF ATECH, EDWARD ARDOLINO OF HOME OFFICE, 419 WHALLEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN. 06511 AND JAN CHRISTENSEN OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (801) 581-1963, NO EXACT ADDRESS KNOWN.

2. FOR COMMERCE: WISH TO KNOW IF CONTACT POSSIBLE WITH ATECH REPRESENTATIVES. BUSINESS AGENT REPORTS UNABLE TO CONTACT BECAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHONE BLOCKED AS RESULT OF DIFFICULTIES WITH LIBERIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF STATUS OF ATECH GROUP, INC. AND WHETHER THEY INTEND TO HONOR OBLIGATIONS.

3. FOR STATE: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE HOW EMBASSY CAN BE HELPFUL TO LIBERIAN NATIONALS WHO HAVE PROBLEM WITH NOBLE CHECKS, PARTICULARLY PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED LIBERIAN MILITARY OFFICER.

REPERCUSSIONS OF BAD CHECK PASSING ON LARGE SCALE HERE MAY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR REPUTABLE MEMBERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN LIBERIA.

4. FOR MEXICO CITY. ATECH BUSINESS AGENT REPORTS THAT NOBLE NOW IN MEXICO CITY WITH PLANS TO INTEREST GOM IN WATER RECYCLING PROJECT. NOBLE HAS CALLED ON AGATT AND USAID OFFICIALS AT THIS EMBASSY AND MAY CALL ON MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL COMMUNITY IN MEXICO. BE ADVISED OF EXPERIENCE HERE WITH NOBLE CHECKS NOT COVERED BY SUFFICIENT FUNDS. CONNECTICUT BANK HANDLING ACCOUNT REPORTS NOBLE SUSPECTED OF QUOTE KITING UNQUOTE. KITING PRACTICE OF COVERING OVERDRAFT IN ONE BANK ACCOUNT BY DEPOSITING CHECK DRAWN ON BANK IN ANOTHER CITY RESULTING IN OVERDRAFT ON THE SECOND BANK, AND SO ON UNTIL CHECK CLEARS OR FRAUD DISCOVERED. WOULD APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION IF NOBLE IN CONTACT WITH EMBOFFS IN MEXICO. CARTER

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